



Soil Stewardship Week 2009

Dig It! The Secrets of Soil



April 26 to May 3

It is the first act of service that God directed of Adam in Genesis 2:15, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

The Stewardship concept involves personal and social responsibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely, leaving a rich legacy for future generations. It is the individual's responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others. Stewardship is essentially a synonym for conservation. Stewardship Week helps remind all of us of the power of each person to conserve natural resources and improve the world. When people work together with their local conservation district, that power grows and grows. As these good deeds multiply across the nation's network of conservation districts, the results are spectacular.

Fertile soil and clean water provide us with our daily sustenance, and effective conservation practices have helped provide us a rich standard of living. Our security depends upon healthy soil and clean water. Stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious resources.

“When the land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land - when both end up better by reason of their partnership - then we have conservation.” - Aldo Leopold